



TAKAO
PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

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Takako OZAWA, et al.

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Group Art Unit: 1773

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Examiner: Nikolas J. UHLIR

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For: MASTER INFORMATION CARRIER FOR MAGNETIC TRANSFER

RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

MAIL STOP AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated November 23, 2004, please consider the remarks as submitted herewith on the accompanying pages.

REMARKS

Initially, Applicants thank the Examiner for acknowledging receipt of, and accepting the two (2) sheets of drawings filed on August 7, 2003.

Claims 1-13 are all the claims pending in the application. Claim 1 is an independent claim. Claims 1-13 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Nishikawa (US 2002/0034028A1) in view of Nishikawa (US 2002/0051306A1). For ease of reference, these references are denoted Nishikawa '028 and Nishikawa '306, respectively (or the "Nishikawa references" collectively). For the following reason, Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection.